

The Chairman, Ted Dziurman, called the special meeting of the Building Code Board of Appeals to order at 8:30 A.M., on Wednesday, March 19, 2003.

PRESENT: Ted Dziurman
Rick Kessler
Tim Richnak
Dave Roberts
Frank Zuazo

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Stimac
Ginny Norvell
Pam Pasternak

ITEM #1 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2003

Motion by Kessler
Supported by Zuazo

MOVED, to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 5, 2003 as written.

Yeas: All – 5

ITEM #2 – VARIANCE REQUEST. EUKO DESIGN SIGNS, INC., 2100 W. MAPLE, for relief of the Sign Ordinance to install a sixth (6) wall sign, 19 square feet in size.

Mr. Stimac explained that the petitioner is requesting relief of the Sign Ordinance to install a sixth (6) wall sign, 19 square feet in size. Section 9.02.05, B and D, 2 allows four (4) wall signs at this location. On June 3, 1996, City Council granted a variance allowing for the installation of a fifth (5) wall sign.

Mr. James Grove, Service Director for Birmingham Chrysler Jeep and Eugene Diachinko of Euko Design Signs, Inc. were present. Mr. Diachinko stated that the reason they wish to add this sign is to be able to identify the area customers need to go to get an express oil change. Mr. Diachinko explained that the lettering would be on a canopy, which they feel would be the most beneficial way to get people familiar with this location. Mr. Groves stated that it is their intention to have an area where a customer can come in and get a quick oil change and not have to go through the regular process of entering the Service Department.

Mr. Richnak asked if the Service area was moving and Mr. Groves explained that the area is the same, they just plan to change the procedure to make it more convenient for the customers who only wish to have their oil changed.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing. No one wished to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

There are no written approvals or objections on file.

Mr. Zuazo asked what would be on the canopy and Mr. Groves stated that it would indicate “Express Lube” on the east side of the building, which would designate the area

ITEM #2 – con't.

for customers to go, who only wanted an oil change. Mr. Zuazo asked if there were other signs, which would indicate the location to go for an oil change, and Mr. Groves said there were not.

Mr. Kessler asked what other signs were on the building and Mr. Diachinko said that there was a Jeep sign on the west side of the building as well as a Jeep sign on the east side of the building.

Mr. Richnak said that his attention was drawn to the building, due to the number of signs that were in the window. Mr. Groves said they are advertising Dick Purtan, of WOMC, doing his show from the dealership on March 28th. Mr. Groves said these signs are only temporary. Mr. Stimac explained that signs that are located inside a building do not count toward the square footage allowed.

Mr. Kessler asked if they would be willing to give up a sign on the outside of the building and Mr. Groves said that if it were necessary, they would give up one sign.

Mr. Richnak asked if the separate Jeep signs were necessary, since the pylon sign indicates “Birmingham Chrysler Jeep”. Mr. Richnak further suggested removing the Jeep sign from the east side of the building, which he feels will clean up that part of the building and will not create an excessive number of signs. Mr. Diachinko said that they would be willing to get rid of the “Shipping and Receiving Sign”; however, Ms. Norvell stated that this is a directional sign and would not apply to the square footage.

Mr. Kessler said that he did not see a hardship with the land and felt that the Jeep sign could be removed.

Mr. Roberts asked if the “Used Car” signs counted in the total of square footage allowed for signs. Ms. Norvell stated that the “Used Car” sign would count as it is considered advertising; however the shipping and receiving sign is considered directional and would not count toward the total.

Motion by Richnak
Supported by Kessler

MOVED, to grant Euko Designs Signs, Inc., 2100 W. Maple, relief of the Sign Ordinance to install a fifth (5) wall sign, 19.6 square feet in size, indicating “Express Lube”.

- “Express Lube” sign will be on a canopy on the east side of the building.
- “Jeep” sign on the east side of the building will be removed.
- Variance is not contrary to public interest.

Yeas: All – 5

ITEM #2 – con't.

MOTION TO GRANT VARIANCE CARRIED

ITEM #3 – VARIANCE REQUEST. KASPER ENTERPRISES, INC. (PLANET NEON), 1938 WOODSLEE, for relief of the Sign Ordinance to install a 32 square foot ground sign.

The Building Department received a letter from the petitioner requesting that this item be withdrawn. No further action taken by the Board.

The Board members were informed that since no appeal applications have been received by the filing deadline, the meeting of April 2, 2003 has been cancelled.

The Building Code Board of Appeals meeting adjourned at 8:50 A.M.

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